

# 2010-11 SCHOOL PROFILE

# School Without Walls High School



Dear Parent or Guardian,

You are your child's first teacher and our most important partner in your child's education. We understand, though, that for you to be an effective partner, you need information. This school profile is designed to give you what you need to make the best decisions for your child.

In this profile, you will find important facts about school performance, facilities, and academic and extracurricular programs. You also will find practical details that will help you better communicate and be involved in the school — including the principal's name, the front office phone number and what public transportation gets you to the school.

This information is compiled first and foremost to help you support and advocate for your child. But it is also my hope that you will use it to hold principals, school staff and my office accountable at getting better at what we do every day.

Our goal is for every child in DCPS to succeed. We look forward to working with you to make this goal a reality for your child.

Sincerely,

Michelle A. Rhee Chancellor



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School Without Walls (SWW) is one of the most outstanding schools of the District of Columbia Public Schools boasting a 100% graduation rate. SWW has an application process for admission and

partners with George Washington University where students take courses (the Exposure program) or participate in the dual enrollment "Early College" program. There are more than 17 Advanced Placement courses available. All seniors must complete a senior project: a hands-on research project incorporating oral presentation skills and a tangible product. The school is a model of collaboration among staff, students and parents.

# PROGRAMS (2010-11)



- •GWU Engineering Math Tutors
- •Homework Lab
- •17 Advanced Placement Courses
- Humanities Tutoring
- •International Partnerships
- Robotics
- •Model UN
- Debate

# WELLNESS AND FITNESS

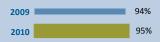
- BrainfoodMen of Strength Club
- •Inner City Excitement (Skating and mentoring)
- •Sister Action Sister Strength
- •Ski Team
- Track
- •Baseball/Softball
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Volleyball

# ARTS AND CULTURE

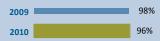
- •Royal Keys
- Amnesty International
- •Chess Club
- Concert Choi
- •Contemporary Dance
- •Urban Debate League
- Video Production
- Walls Interactive Theater Collective
- •Hip Hop Dance
- •World Languages: French, Spanish, Chinese & Latin

### STUDENT PERFORMANCE

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding math standards on the DC CAS



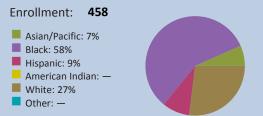
Percentage of students meeting or exceeding reading standards on the DC CAS



### School improvement status

This school does not have an improvement status under No Child Left Behind (NCLB).

# STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS (2009-10)



English language learners: 4% Free and reduced-price lunch: 23%

Special education: —

In-boundary: This school does not have a designated boundary and draws students from across the city.



# **School Without Walls High School**

Facilities:		Feeder School(s):	Community Partnerships:	Career Pathways:
Art room	<b>O</b>	N/A	Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver &	N/A
Auditorium			Jacobson	
Computer lab	<b>O</b>		Home School Association	
Gym	<b>Ø</b>		AFS	
Media center	<b>Ø</b>		Women's National Democratic	
Music room	<b>O</b>		Club  Busboys and Poets Restaurant  The Washington Post  PEPCO	
Outdoor recreation space				
Science lab	<b>©</b>			
Other:			US Securities and Exchange	
Parent organization	<b>Ø</b>		Commission	
School uniform				
Title I	0			

#### **GETTING TO SCHOOL**



31 (Wisconsin Avenue Line)

32, 36 (Pennsylvania Avenue Line)

37 (Wisconsin Avenue Limited Line)

39 (Pennsylvania Avenue Limited Line)

80 (North Capitol Street Line)

H1 (Brookland-Potomac Park Line)

M Blue/Orange Line: Foggy Bottom/GWU station

L1 (Connecticut Ave Line) N3 (Massachusetts Ave Line)

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO

Parents and community members play an important role in ensuring that every child, in every classroom across the district, receives the high-quality education he or she deserves.

Volunteer at school. Volunteers are key to helping students succeed. Many schools need volunteers who can work directly with students on reading and math, but volunteers also can provide support in classrooms, the office and the library, as well as help plan and staff events, write grants, and much more. For more information, check with the principal or visit www.dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/volunteer.

Join the school's parent organization. Parent organizations are an important part of every school community. They provide ways to support students through community events, fundraising and other activities. Joining a parent organization helps parents meet other parents who are engaged in their child's education. For more information, contact the school.

Attend parent-teacher conferences. Stay in touch with your child's teachers and ask that they be in touch with you. Ask your child's teachers about

what kind of classroom behavior they expect and how they reward positive behavior. Ask what your child should be learning, how well he or she is doing, and what you can do to help. Parent-teacher conferences will be held at school on Oct. 18, 2010; Feb. 28, 2011; and May 16, 2011.

Work with or run for the school advisory board. This group advises the principal on the comprehensive school plan — including specific programs and activities that strengthen student performance, create safe and effective schools, and involve parents and families. For more information, check with the principal.

Talk to your child about school. Your opinion matters to your child. Ask your child about one thing he or she learned at school, and keep asking every day! For more information, visit www.dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/studentsuccess.

# WHERE CAN I FIND **INFORMATION ON OTHER SCHOOLS?**

If you are interested in seeing the information contained here for every DCPS school, please visit www.dcps.dc.gov/profiles. You will be able to search for DCPS schools based on the information that you care about, and you will also be able to compare schools side by side.

# **HOW CAN I STAY UP TO DATE** ON WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Be sure to let your school know if your contact information changes. Visit www.dcps.dc.gov regularly, and sign up to receive regular e-mail updates from DCPS at www.dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/enews.